

I agree with portions of the Coppola's proposal. I do think that current Technician license holders should be given the HF privileges of former TechPlus and Novice license holders. However, I do not believe that the code requirement should be eliminated for all license classes (see below).

I believe the FCC should eliminate the code requirement (element 1) for General Class License. This would allow Technician license holders to upgrade and obtain voice privileges simply by taking a written test (element 3).

I urge the FCC to retain the Extra Class license, but to \*increase\* the code requirement. Extra class holder should pass a 13wpm code test, instead of 5wpm.

In accordance with the above, I also urge the FCC to retain the current cw/data/voice band structure.

The above license structure would allow the broad base of amateur license holders access to the HF bands, while still supporting technical achievement. At the same time it would still place a code requirement on the highest class license holders: Extra Class.